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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Sherman Kent

Subject: Answers to Questions for SIE-3

Enclosure: Memorandum for General Partridge dated
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1. Herewith answers to the first seven questions for use in SIE-3, submitted to me on 10 March. The remaining four are still being worked on and will be returned as soon as completed.

2. These answers are the considered opinion of working teams of the Joint Strategic Plans Group of the Joint Staff, who are familiar with the problems involved. The answers have not been submitted either to the Joint Strategic Plans Committee or to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for approval, hence they have no official standing.

3. I recommend that you include such of these answers as you can use in SIE-3 in their present unofficial form and without comment as to their origin. It is undesirable to ask for approval of such answers by the Joint Chiefs of Staff because such procedure would take much more time than is available, the answers would in general have to be less specific, and on some of these questions it would be impossible to take an official stand at this time. Considering these factors and the material available on which to base answers, I believe that these answers are the best obtainable for your purposes. If they are challenged by the customers for whom you prepare estimates, there is no objection to disclosure of the source from which they were obtained.

4. I think we may reasonably hope that after a number of estimates containing material of this sort have been issued, the initial tendency on the part of customers to challenge such material will steadily decrease until it ceases to be a problem.

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